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SUBJ: IOWA WRITERS PROGRAM

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- 1. VENO TAUFER (REF A) UNABLE PARTICIPATE IN PROJECT THIS YEAR DUE COMMITMENTS AT RADIO LJUBLJANA AND PREPARATION OF BOOK FOR PUBLICATION. HE WOULD LIKE BE CONSIDERED FOR NEXT YEAR.
- 2. POST WISHES NOMINATE VLADIMIR PREDIC, WRITER, POET, DRAMATIST, AND CRITIC: BORN APR 6, 1934 AT SKOPJE. PREDIC GRADUATED FROM FACULTY OF DRAMATIC ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE. BELGRADE ADDRESS: BORIS KIDRICA 18. ENGLISH: ADEQUATE.
- 3. PUBLISHED WORKS ARE: "NA SUNCANOJ STRANI ULICE" (ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF THE STREET) 1961; "NEBO (THE SKY) 1962; "NA CELU VODE" (AT THE HEADWATERS) 1967; "VLTAVA" (THE MOLDAU) 1974; "SKAGERAK" 1975; POEMS HAVE APPEARED IN LEADING YUGOSLAV LITERARY JOURNALS. ALSO INCLUDED IN ANTHOLOGIES OF YUGOSLAV POEMS SUCH AS "NOVI SRPSKI PESNICI" (NEW SERBIAN POETS) BY MILOS BANDIC, 1959. HIS WORKS HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH, POLISH, RUSSIAN, AND CZECH. PLAYS INCLUDE: "ALI, ZABOGA, MISTER DRINK, STISAJTE SE" (FOR GOD'S SAKE, MR. DRINK, CALM DOWN) PRODUCED BY THEATRE ON THE LEFT AND ATELJE 212, BELGRADE, 1972/73; "RECI MI DA DODJEM K TEBI PO VODI" (TELL ME TO COME TO YOU OVER THE WATERS), PRODUCED BY RADIO BELGRADE, 1971. HAS WRITTEN NUMBER OF ESSAYS ON YUGOSLAV AND FOREIGN WRITERS UNCLASSIFIED

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AND ON DRAMA IN GENERAL. CRITICISM APPEARS IN LETOPIS

MATICE SRPSKI AND KNJIZEVNE NOVINE, LEADING LITERARY JOURNALS IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE IS EDITOR AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF KNJIZEVNE NOVINE.

4. PREDIC VERY INTERESTED IN CONTEMPORARY THEATER. WOULD LIKE TAKE ADVANTAGE VISIT IN US TO SPEND SOME TIME IN NEW YORK SEEING CURRENT RUN PLAYS. POST NOTES THAT IOWA PROJECT CONTAINS ABOUT 10 DAYS INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMMING AND WOULD BE WILLING PAY COST (FROM IV PROGRAM FUNDS) IN ORDER INCREA SE

THAT PORTION PREDIC'S GRANT TO GIVE HIM ABOUT TWO WEEKS IN NEW YORK FOR THAT PURPOSE.

5. ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS OF CANDIDATES WORKS BEING MAILED DIRECTLY TO ENGLE. WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT NOTIFICATION FROM DEPARTMENT/ ENGLE OF HIS ACCEPTANCE IN ORDER FOR CANDIDATE REARRANGE SCHEDULE TO PERMIT TIMELY DEPARTURE FOR US. SILBERMAN

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